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# Ms. Coll. 116

## Ronald W. Gauch Papers, 1993-1998: Guide

### COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator:** Gauch, Ronald W., 1938-

**Call Number:** Ms. Coll. 116

**Extent:** 2 boxes (0.75 linear feet)

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**About This Finding Aid:** Description based on DACS.

**Provenance:** Received from the office of Ronald W. Gauch, January, 2000.

**Processed by:** Finding aid prepared by Elena Demetriades, February, 2001; updated by Abigail Cramer, September, 2012.

**Abstract:** This collection documents Gauch's terms as a Massachusetts Representative from the 11<sup>th</sup> Worcester district.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of press releases that Gauch issued concerning his legislative activities from 1993 to 1996. Gauch was concerned with issues such as gambling, welfare reform, education reform, the special needs of elders, housing finance reform, bank tax reform, and tax cuts. Two legislative bills sponsored by Gauch are included (in the file with press releases from 1994): a bill using revenue from casino gambling to increase local aid to cities and towns and a bill to provide for a descriptive sentence on statewide ballots. Also included are copies of newspaper clippings detailing his work and concerns from 1993 to 1998.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Ronald W. Gauch was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on February 13, 1938. He graduated from Shrewsbury High School in 1956 and attended Worcester Junior College. Gauch served in the U.S. Navy Seabees as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer for two years active duty and for four years on reserve. He was the President and Founder of Gauch Brothers Marina in Shrewsbury where he worked from 1956 to 1992. Gauch was a member of numerous organizations including the Matthew John Whittall Lodge Masons, the National Dealership Council Outboard Marine Corp., the Shrewsbury Representative Town Committee, and the Lions Club.

A Republican, Gauch represented the 11<sup>th</sup> Worcester District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000. He was Assistant Minority Leader from 1999 to 2000. The district included the communities of Boylston, Northborough, and Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. He served on several committees including House Ethics, Science and Technology, Energy, Taxation, Rules, Steering, Policy and Scheduling, and the House Ways and Means Committee. Gauch also served on the Megaplex Commission, which studied the development and construction of a new convention center/sports center in Boston, Massachusetts. He was named to the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting, which supported term limitation for incumbent politicians. Gauch was an outspoken advocate for policies that encouraged economic development in Massachusetts. His legislative concerns also included education reform, term limits, increasing local aid, and improving the tax structure for Massachusetts businesses.

Gauch was named 1996 Legislator of the Year by the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Following his belief in term limits, Gauch chose not to run for office in 2000.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### ***Arrangement***

The papers are arranged chronologically.

### ***Conditions Governing Access***

This collection is open for research during the Special Collections Department's regular hours.

### ***Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use***

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### ***Languages and Scripts***

The materials are entirely in English.

### ***Immediate Source of Acquisition***

Received from the office of Ronald W. Gauch, January, 2000.

### ***Container List***

<b>Box #</b>	<b>Folder #</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	1	Press Releases	1993
1	2	Newspaper Clippings	1993
1	3	Press Releases	1994
1	4	Newspaper Clippings	1994
1	5	Press Releases	1995
1	6	Newspaper Clippings	1995
1	7	Press Releases	1996
1	8	Newspaper Clippings	1996
1	9	Newspaper Clippings	1997
1	10	Newspaper Clippings	1998